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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1971

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1971

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE CWMAMMAN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Members,

We herewith have pleasure in presenting to you our report on the Environmental Health of the Cwmamman Urban District for 1971.

The year under review produced no eventful problems to the Authority Services and from the Public Health aspect the year was a good one.

The Local Authority continued with its house building programme and thirteen units were completed during the period. In addition to these, twenty nine improvement grants at a total cost of £33,239. were undertaken by private individuals modernising their homes. It would appear from these figures that the older premises within the Urban District are being improved at a more satisfactory rate and that people generally are accepting and taking advantage of the grants so available.

Pollution is causing concern nationally and is very much to the fore both in the Daily Press and on Television. The subject covers contamination of air, water and land. In an area such as Cwmamman the problems are naturally different from those of a large city. It is obviously not subject to industrial pollution, but once again it is felt that comment is necessary with regard to the noise levels caused by heavy vehicular traffic travelling along the main road through the district, also when one considers environmental pollution, it is a matter of surprise and disappointment that litter and refuse continues to be dumped indiscriminately in an area which operates an efficient refuse collection service and provides throughout the district numerous litter baskets. One is at a loss to explain why this habit continues, since the placing of this material in a collection receptacle would in any case present to the offender less physical effort on his or her part.

In all areas dangers must be looked for and it behoves every authority both to find and to take all possible steps to remedy sources of pollution.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their interest in the work of the Public Health Department, and our thanks to Mr. J. D. I. Evans, Clerk of the Council, and all the Staff for their help and support throughout the year.

MARGARET STEANE.
Medical Officer of Health.

G. A. MAHONEY.
Surveyor/Public Health Inspector.

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STATISTICAL INFORMATION

POPULATION

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Yesr	Cwmamman	Deaths	Births	Carmarthenshire	Wales
1964	4,200	N.A.	N.A.	-	-
1965	4,200	N.A.	N.A.	-	-
1966	4,160	65	33	-	-
1967	4,150	50	46	-	-
1968	4,090	58	45	-	-
1969	4,050	67	38	163,600	2,723,000
1970	4,090	55	55	164,300	2,734,000
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STATISTICAL INFORMATION

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Year	Gwaunmaer	Deaths	Births	Carmarthenshire	Wales
1964	4,200	N.A.	N.A.	-	-
1965	4,200	N.A.	N.A.	-	-
1966	4,160	65	35	-	-
1967	4,150	50	46	-	-
1968	4,090	58	45	-	-
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VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

		Male	Female	Total	Carmarthenshire	England and Wales
Live Births	Legitimate	26	17	43	2,103	717,491
	Illegitimate	2	-	2	129	65,674
	Total	28	17	45	2,232	783,165
Still Births	Legitimate	1	-	1	20	8,826
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	3	1,072
	Total	1	-	1	23	9,898
Total Live and Still Births	Legitimate	27	17	44	2,123	726,317
	Illegitimate	2	-	2	132	66,746
	Total	29	17	46	2,255	793,063

	Cwmamman	Carmarthenshire	England and Wales
Live Births per 1,000 home population (Crude Rate)	11.4	13.7	16.0
Area comparability factor	1.14	1.09	1.0
Local Adjusted Rate	13.00	14.9	16.0
Ratio of Local adjusted rate to national rate	.81	0.93	1.00
Illegitimate live births as a percentage of all live births	4.0	6.00	8.0

STILL BIRTH RATE

	Cwmamman	Carmarthenshire	England and Wales
Still births per 1,000 total live and still births	22	10	12

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE

There were no deaths resulting from childbirth or pregnancy in 1971.

DEATHS OF INFANTS

Age		Male	Female	Total	Carmarthenshire	England and Wales
Under 1 year	Legitimate	-	-	-	41	12,140
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	2	1,586
	Total	-	-	-	43	13,726
Under 4 weeks	Legitimate	-	-	-	34	8,121
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	992
	Total	-	-	-	34	9,113
Under 1 week	Legitimate	-	-	-	27	6,903
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	847
	Total	-	-	-	27	7,750

INFANT MORTALITY RATE.

	Cwmamman	Carmarthenshire	England and Wales
Deaths under 1 year per 1000 live births	-	19	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under a year per 1000 legitimate births	-	19	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1000 illegitimate live births	-	16	24
Neonatal mortality rate Deaths under 4 weeks/1000 live births	-	15	12
Early neonatal mortality rate Deaths under 1 week/1000 total live births	-	12	10
Perinatal mortality rate Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and stillbirths	22	22	22

DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total	Carmarthenshire	England and Wales
All Ages	34	30	64	2,320	567,345

DEATH RATES, ETC. ALL AGES.

	Cwmamman	Carmarthenshire	England and Wales
Deaths per 1000 home population (crude rate)	16.2	14.2	11.6
Area Comparability factor	1.01	1.00	1.0
Local adjusted rate	16.4	14.2	11.6
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.41	1.22	1.00

CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1971 - ALL AGES

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	-	2
Late effects of respiratory T.B.	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	-	2	2
" " Lung, Bronchus	1	-	1
" " Breast	-	1	1
" " Uterus	-	1	1
Leukaemia	1	1	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	-	1
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	-	1	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	1	2
Hypentensive disease	-	3	3
Other forms of Heart Disease	1	-	1
Cerebrovascular Disease	3	6	9
Other diseases of circulatory system	1	3	4
Bronchitis and emphysema	4	1	5
Other diseases of respiratory system	5	-	5
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	-	1	1
All other accidents	1	1	2
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	-	1	1
Other endocrine etc. diseases	1	-	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	11	6	17
TOTAL ALL CASES	34	30	64

Of the deaths 56.2% were caused by diseases of the cardio-vascular system.

Deaths from neoplasms 10.(15.6%).

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

AND

TUBERCULOSIS

During the year 1971, 6 cases of measles were reported. There was also one case of respiratory tuberculosis and one case of non respiratory tuberculosis notified.

FOOD POISONING

No cases of food poisoning reported.

IMMUNISATION

The following table refers to the whole County of Carmarthenshire. The separate figures for Cwmamman are not available.

	PRIMARY						BOOSTERS
	Born 1971	Born 1970	Born 1969	Born 1968	1964-1967	Other - 16	
Triple	827	581	80	32	31	11	838
Diptheria/ tetanus	3	32	1	4	5	4	605
Tetanus	1	1	-	-	19	110	152
Polio	785	519	88	43	54	16	859
Measles	-	98	86	30	38	23	-
Rubella						869	-

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

(Whole County)

No figures are available for 1971 as routine vaccination of infants ceased during this year.

BCG VACCINATION
(Whole County)

	Contact Scheme	School Children
Number skin tested	126	1902
Number found negative	115	1693
Number vaccinated	112	1674

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

SECTION 47

No action was required under this Section which enables persons in need of care and attention to be removed to suitable premises.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

WATER SUPPLY

Throughout the Urban area supplies were maintained for the twelve months it being necessary from time to time to supplement the Authority's own sources by means of a bulk supply taken from the Loughor Joint Water Board. Chlorinating equipment at the reservoirs continued to function satisfactorily and the seventeen bacteriological samples submitted to the Public Health Laboratory service for examination proved satisfactory.

REFUSE COLLECTION

A twice weekly refuse collection continued to operate throughout the area. Some problems arose during the period at the refuse tipping site. These mainly concerned the drainage of sub soil water and it is becoming apparent that a new site will have to be obtained for the coming twelve months. During the period under review the Authority has decided to operate the plastic sack system of refuse collection and it is to be hoped that this will further increase the efficiency of the service and also lead to a more clean and hygienic means of collection.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE

It was found necessary to provide additional service water drainage at the rear of the new housing site at Hendre Road. With regard to the Local Authority's main drainage system, this continued to function satisfactorily. Treatment as members are aware is undertaken at the sewage treatment works at Garnswllt, which is under the control of the Joint Sewage Board.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF AREA

Number of Inspections made for Nuisance	30
Number of Informal Notices served	4
Number of Statutory Notices served	2
Number of Water Leakage Inspections	210
Number of Water Leakage Notices	8

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

All meats sold within the Urban area are slaughtered elsewhere and subject to inspection at the respective points of slaughter. No complaints were received during the twelve month period concerning fresh meats sold in the area.

BAKEHOUSES

Number of bakehouses in the area registered	2
Number of inspections made	6

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Number of houses fumigated after causes of infectious diseases	Nil
Number of houses fumigated upon request	7

CONTROL OF RATS AND MICE

This service continued to function satisfactorily throughout the period, all complaints being dealt with, and continuous inspection and treatment being undertaken. As in the past the indiscriminate tipping of rubbish at various points throughout the district, giving rise to concern, since such tipping of vegetable and animal matter tends to attract and harbour rodents.

ANALYSIS OF FOOD PREMISES AND INSPECTIONS.

Nature of Trade		No. of inspections
Butchers Shops	4	20
Groceries and provisions	10	35
General Shops	18	38
Milk Retailers	3	4
Ice Cream Premises	7	18

No serious complaints were received from members of the public with regard to the food trade within the area.

HOUSING.

1. (a) Inspection of houses during the year:-
Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health and Housing Act 23
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 12

2. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... Nil

3. Number of houses found to be not in all respects fit for human habitation 4

Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notice.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit during the year in consequence of informal action by Local Authority of their Officers 8

Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

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2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were made fit for service of formal notice ..... Nil

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(c) Proceedings under Section 17, 18, 23 and 24 of the Housing Act.

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..... Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1957 - PART IV Overcrowding.

(a) 1. Number of houses overcrowded at the end of the year ..... Nil
2. Number of families dwelling therein ..... Nil
3. Number of persons dwelling therein ..... Nil
4. Number of houses occupied for the first time in 1971 .... Nil

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